



PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: NRS 14.308

Pursuant to Chapter 0400-4-7 of the Department's rules, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and §401 Water Quality Certification. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

APPLICANT: Jon Allegretti
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LOCATION: Located on Raleigh-Millington Road, adjacent to the Loosahatchie River and across from the Charles W. Baker Airport, just southwest of Millington. Latitude 35.2727 longitude 89.9222

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to create a Wetland Mitigation Bank along the Loosahatchie River in Shelby County. The proposed Loosahatchie River Mitigation Bank (Bank) will be used to offset unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands in the Loosahatchie River watershed (HUC 08010209).

The Bank will restore approximately 238 acres that is currently in crop production to bottomland hardwood wetlands. These acres will be planted with native wetland trees, shrubs and graminoid species. In addition, the Bank proposes to enhance approximately 85 acres of existing low resource wetlands to higher resource value wetlands with invasive/ exotic species removal plantings, plugging of drainage way 3, construction of wildlife mounds and nesting boxes.

The Bank will be monitored for at least 10 years with annual reports submitted to the Interagency Review Team (IRT).

DEGRADATION: In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activities will not result in degradation to water quality.

WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION: The proposed project lies within the Loosahatchie River Watershed. More information can be found at <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/water/watersheds/loosahatchieriver.shtml>

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Mike Lee

FACTORS CONSIDERED: In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

COMMENTING: Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

PUBLIC HEARING: Interested persons may request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing. Send all public hearing request to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

APPEAL: A permit appeal may be filed, pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 69-3-105(i) and Rule 0400-40-05, by the permit applicant or by any aggrieved person who participated in the public comment period announced by this notice. This petition must be filed within THIRTY (30) DAYS after public notice of the issuance of the permit. The petition must specify what provisions are being appealed and the basis for the appeal. It should be addressed to the technical secretary of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas at the following address: Tisha Calabrese Benton, Director, Division of Water Resources, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 11th floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Any hearing would be in accordance with T.C.A. §§69-3-110 and 4-5-301 et seq.

FILE REVIEW: The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

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